

Claims:

1. (original) A device for locking electrical devices, in particular power tools, with battery packs for power supply, in which the electrical devices have one movable locking bar and the battery packs have at least two recesses, or vice versa, and upon locking, the recesses are located one after the other in the direction of a relative motion between the electrical device and the battery pack, and after locking, the locking bar engages one of the recesses, characterized in that the recesses (24, 26) are differently shaped or of different dimensions or are offset transversely to the direction of motion; and that in different combinations of electrical devices (2) and battery packs (4), the shape, dimensions and/or offset of the recesses (24, 26) are each adapted to the shape, dimensions or position of the locking bar (14; 36; 38; 40; 42) in such a way that the locking bar (14; 36; 38; 40; 42) engages either only the front recess (24) or only the rear recess (26) or successively the front recess and then the rear recess (24, 26, respectively).

2. (original) The device as defined by claim 1, characterized in that in a combination of an electrical device (2) and battery pack (4), the contact between batteries of the battery pack (4) and a current circuit of a consumer of the electrical device (2) is made upon engagement of the locking bar (42) with the rear recess (25) and in a different combination of an electrical device (2) and battery pack (4) is made upon engagement of the locking bar (40) with the front recess (24).

3. (currently amended) The device as defined by claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that protruding into one of the recesses (24) is a protrusion (32), which permits the engagement of a locking bar (14; 38; 40) with a cutout (30) that receives the protrusion (32) and prevents the engagement of a locking bar (36; 42) without such a cutout (30).

4. (original) The device as defined by claim 3, characterized in that the bp is a rib (32) in the recess (24), and the cutout is a slot (30) in the locking bar (14; 38; 40).

5. (currently amended) The device as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the recesses (24, 26, Fig. 5) are differently shaped

and of different dimensions.

6. (currently amended) The device as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the recesses are differently shaped and are offset from one another.

7. (currently amended) The device as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the recesses are of different dimensions and are offset from one another.

8. (currently amended) The device as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the locking bars (14; 36; 38; 40; 42) are located in the electrical devices (2), and the recesses (24, 26) are located in the battery packs (4).

9. (original) A battery pack for locking to an electrical device, in particular a power tool, which includes a movable locking bar, and the battery pack has at least two recesses that upon locking are located one after the other in the relative motion between the electrical device and the battery pack, characterized in that the recesses (24, 26) are differently shaped or of different dimensions or are offset from one another transversely to the direction of motion.

10. (original) An electrical device, in particular a power tool, for locking with a battery pack which includes a movable locking bar, and the electrical device has at least two recesses that upon locking are located one after the other in the relative motion between the electrical device and the battery pack, characterized in that the recesses (24, 26) are differently shaped or of different dimensions or are offset from one another transversely to the direction of motion.